the number of private institutes imparting Technical and Management Education.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education at +2 level, financial assistance is provided to the States to set up administrative structure, conduct area-vocational surveys, prepare curricula, training manuals and teacher training programmes, strengthen technical support system for research and development, evaluation etc. The scheme also provides financial assistance to NGOs and voluntary organizations for implementation of specific innovative projects for conducting short-term courses.

Development and expansion of research

†1191. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is absolute need of development and expansion in the field of research in the country;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that in comparison to China, America, Japan and other European countries, the public expenditure on research in the country is very low;

(c) if so, the part of Gross Domestic Product being spent in the above said countries and quantum thereof;

(d) whether Government have fixed a target to increase the percentage of the said expenditure; and

(e) if so, the target thereof and by when this target would be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The expenditure on Research and Development as a per cent of GDP in India is 0.7 in comparison to China (1.2), North America (2.7), Japan (3.1) and European Union (1.8) as per data of UNESCO, Institute for Statistics.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) and (e) It is premature to fix a target for the Eleventh Plan 2007—12 for allocation of funds for higher education/research.

Moily Committee Report

1192. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oversight (Moily) Committee has submitted its report to Government for implementation of proposed 27 per cent OBC quota in Central educational institutions;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations made by the Committee;

(c) whether Government has so far examined contentious "issue of creamy layer" as well recommendations for creation of new infrastructure in Central educational institutions in order to admit 54 per cent more students from next year; and

(d) whether Government has agreed to Committee's recommendations for revision of financial package needed to implement the quota from Rs. 16,500 crore to Rs. 17,200 crore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A summary of recommendations is given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The extent of reservation and eligibility there to were not part of terms of reference of the Oversight Committee, which was constituted to draw up a road map for implementing the policy of reservation in Centrally aided/maintained/established higher educational institutions. A separate Bill for this purpose has already been introduced in Parliament. Two Empowered Committees have been constituted to expeditiously consider the Detailed Project Reports in respect of the expansion programme of Central Institutions. The Eleventh Plan proposals have not been finalized in respect of financial projections made by the Oversight Committee.